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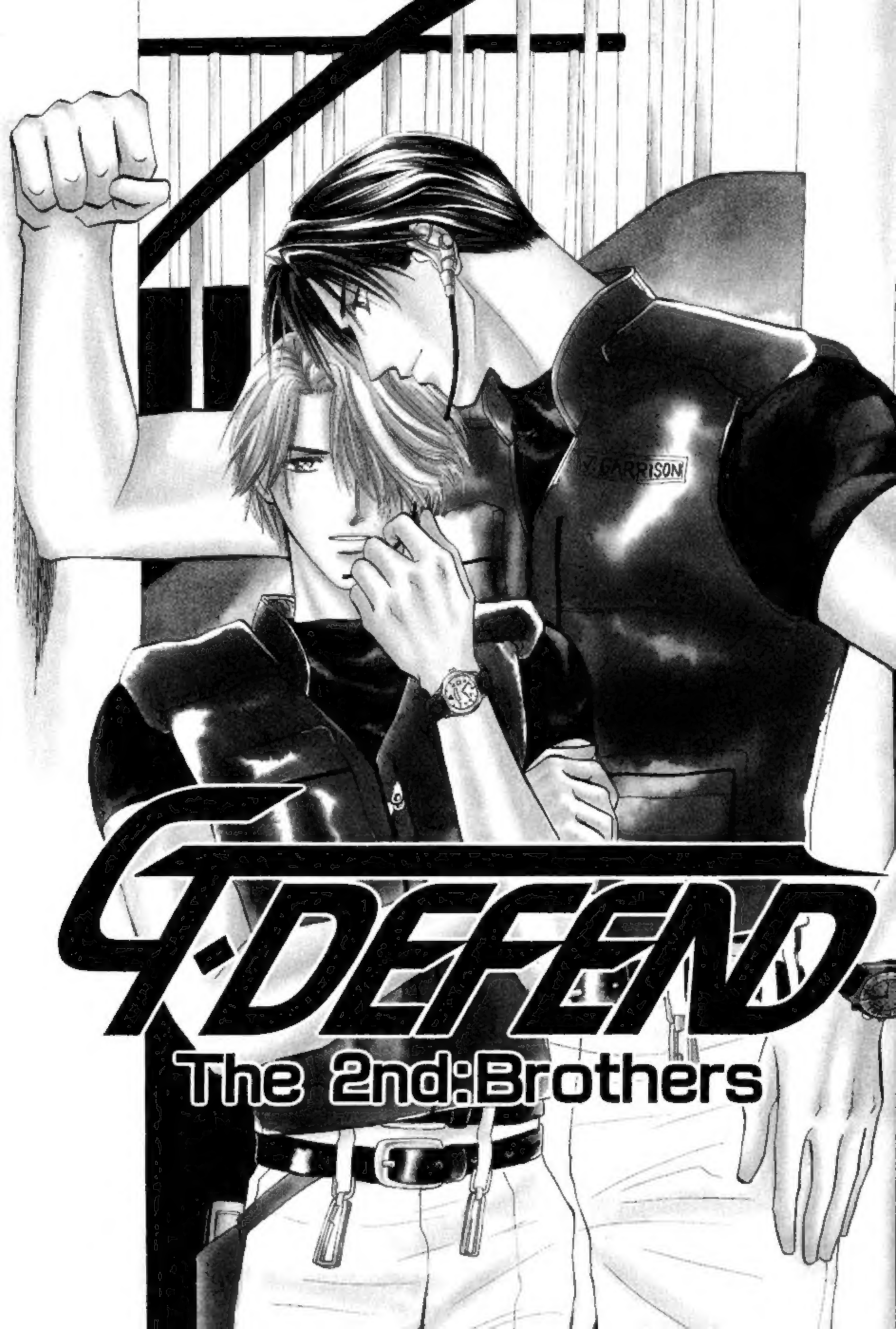
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SHUU

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4-DEFEAT

The 2nd:Brothers

NEITHER
OF US
HAS EVEN
TOLD OUR
FAMILIES.

KNOW
ABOUT
ME AND
IWASE.

ONLY A
VERY FEW
OF THE
GARRISON
MEMBERS

SO
WHAT'S UP,
SUSUMU?

I'M
SORRY, I
KNOW
YOU'RE
BUSY.

TELEPHONE

TO SAY THAT
WE HAVEN'T
HAD THE
OPPORTUNITY

— IS
PROBABLY
JUST AN
EXCUSE.

YOU
DON'T
SEEM SO
HAPPY.

WHY?

WELL, I
HAD A
FIGHT
WITH
NOBORU.

...
YEAH
...

ISHIKAWA FAMILY SECOND SON,
ISHIKAWA SUSUMU

NO, I HAVEN'T
BEEN BACK
RECENTLY,
EITHER. I'M
SORRY I
HAVEN'T BEEN
ABLE TO TALK
TO YOU.

IT SEEMS
UNCLE IS
GETTING
REMAR-
RIED?

YEAH.



HE SAID THAT IN ORDER TO WORK AND SAVE MONEY SO WE CAN LIVE TOGETHER, HE WON'T GO TO HIGH SCHOOL.

He said he doesn't want to rely on you.

WHAT?

HE'S BEEN WORKING.



ISN'T THAT OKAY? IF HE TAKES THE HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM HERE, THEN...

AND RECENTLY HE'S BEEN SAYING STUFF LIKE, "IF YOU'RE REALLY GOING, THEN SO WILL I."

I'M TAKING THE EXAM FOR TOKYO UNIVERSITY. NOBORU IS REALLY AGAINST IT.



SO THAT'S WHY YOU HAD A FIGHT?

NOBORU...WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?



ALL.

THAT'S NOT



I'LL
TELL YOU
EVERY-
THING

THE NEXT
TIME WE
MEET!

SO, ABOUT
NOBORU...



COME ON,
INTRODUCE US.
HE'S ALWAYS
LOOKING OUT
FOR YOU. I
WANT TO SAY
THANKS.

UH...
OKAY.
HOW
ABOUT
NEXT
TIME?

WHAT?
AH...
UH...
UHM...

IS THERE...
A FRIEND
WITH YOU?

SUSUMU?

THE WHOLE
REASON HE
WAS WORKING
SO HARD SINCE
THE SUMMER
HOLIDAYS
BEGAN WAS
FOR THIS!

HE LEFT
THIS NOTE AND
VANISHED THIS
MORNING.

Susumu
Nii-chan, I'm going
to Haruka Nii-chan's
place, so don't worry
about me, okay? Noboru
by 



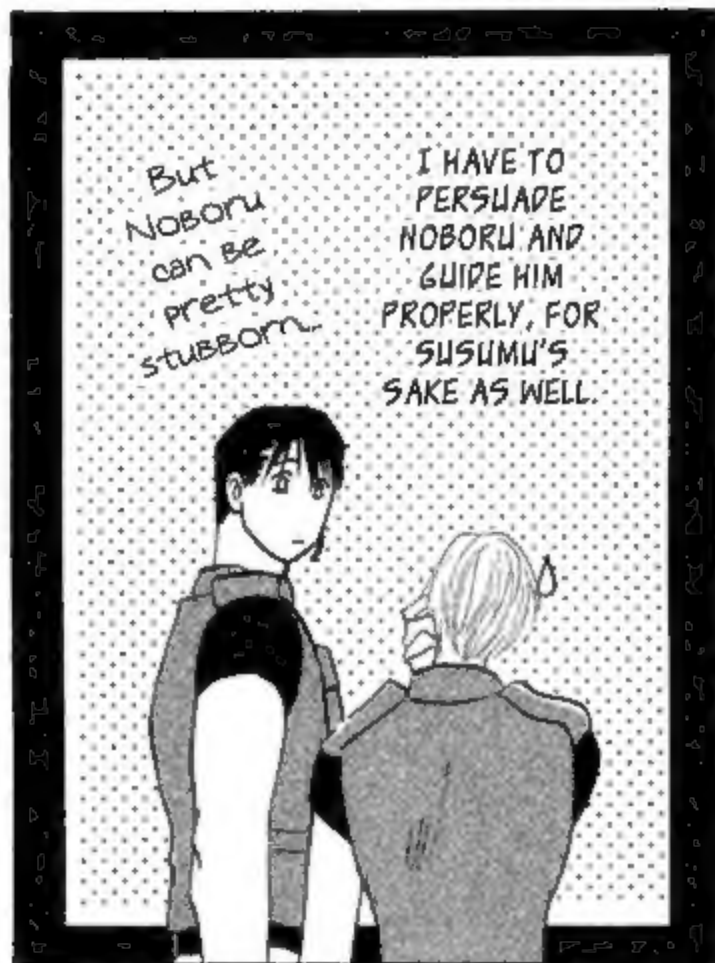
YEAH...

We'd
better
inform the
perimeter
guards.

It's been
awhile, so
it'll be great
to see him
again, right?

HE SHOULD
BE ABLE
TO MAKE IT
TO THE
GARRISON
WITH NO
PROBLEMS.

NOBORU
— !?





IS
SOME-
THING
WRONG
?

NO...

WHY WAS HE
TRYING TO
HIDE THAT
FRIEND OF
HIS?

COME TO
THINK OF IT,
SUSUMU WAS
ACTING A BIT
STRANGELY
EARLIER.



...YEAH.



THANK
YOU.

NO
PROBLEM!

SORRY, SEEMS
THE OTHER GUYS
ARE ALL VERY
INTERESTED TO
SEE ISHIKAWA'S
LITTLE BROTHER.



NOBORU,

YOUR BROTHER
WILL BE HERE
IN A MINUTE,
SO JUST WAIT
HERE.



ANYWAY,
FIRST I HAVE
TO DEAL WITH
THE MATTER
AT HAND.

WHO'S
THAT?

A RELA-
TIVE OF
SOMEONE
IN THE
GARRI-
SON?

DOESN'T
HE LOOK
A BIT
LIKE...?

WH...
THE IN-
STRUCTOR?

Now
that you
mention
it...



IT DOESN'T
EVEN SEEM
LIKE SPS
ARE REALLY
REQUIRED.

YEAH, IT'S
LIKE THIS
MOST OF
THE TIME.



MAYBE HE'S
ONLY GOT THE
SCARY SIDE OF
THE INSTRU-
CTOR'S PER-
SONALITY?

HE SEEMS
REALLY
CONFRON-
TATIONAL.

THAT
IWASE... IS
HE REALLY A
"TOP CLASS
SP"?

Kind of
hard to
get along
with...

YEAH,
HE IS.



EVERYONE IS
SO MUCH MORE
RELAXED THAN
I'D IMAGINED.

I THOUGHT
IT'D BE
MUCH
STRICTER
HERE.

THIRD SON OF THE ISHIKAWA FAMILY:
ISHIKAWA NOBORU



NOBORU.

WHAT-A LAME
BUNCH OF
COWARDS.

What're you
doing? This
treatment!
Umezawa, get
off me!

Ikegami,
hurry up
and get
back here.

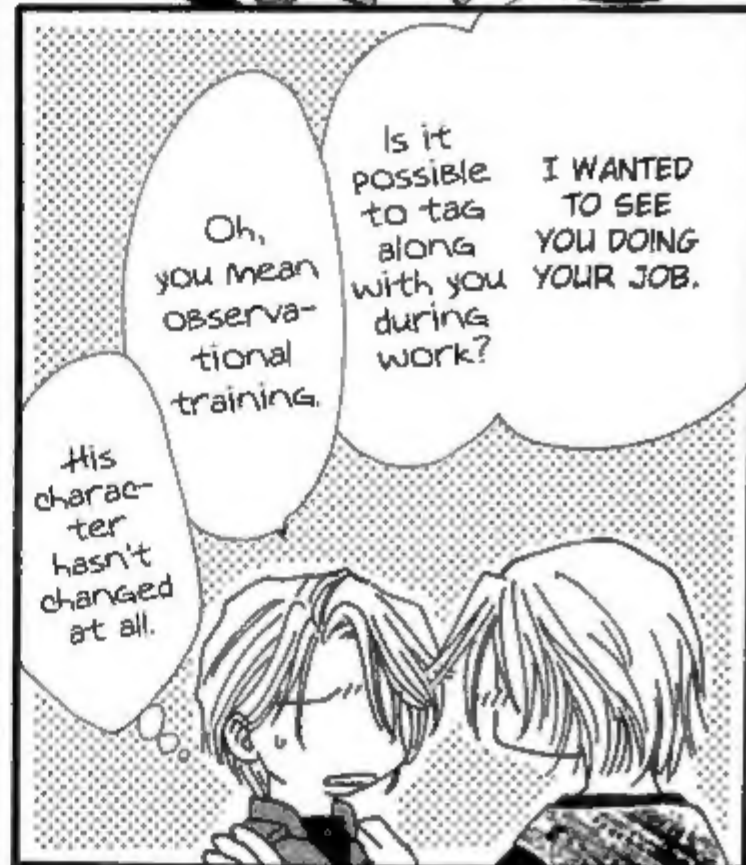
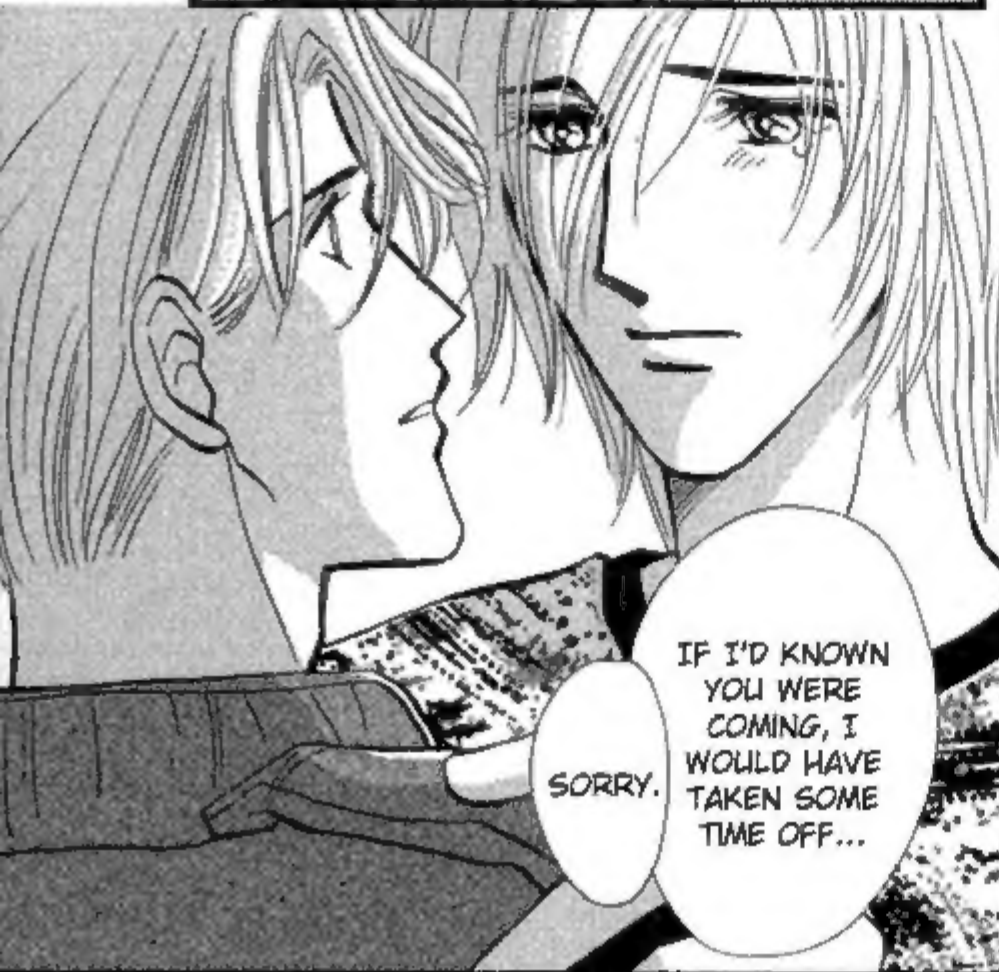


MOTOKI,
GET BACK
TO WORK.

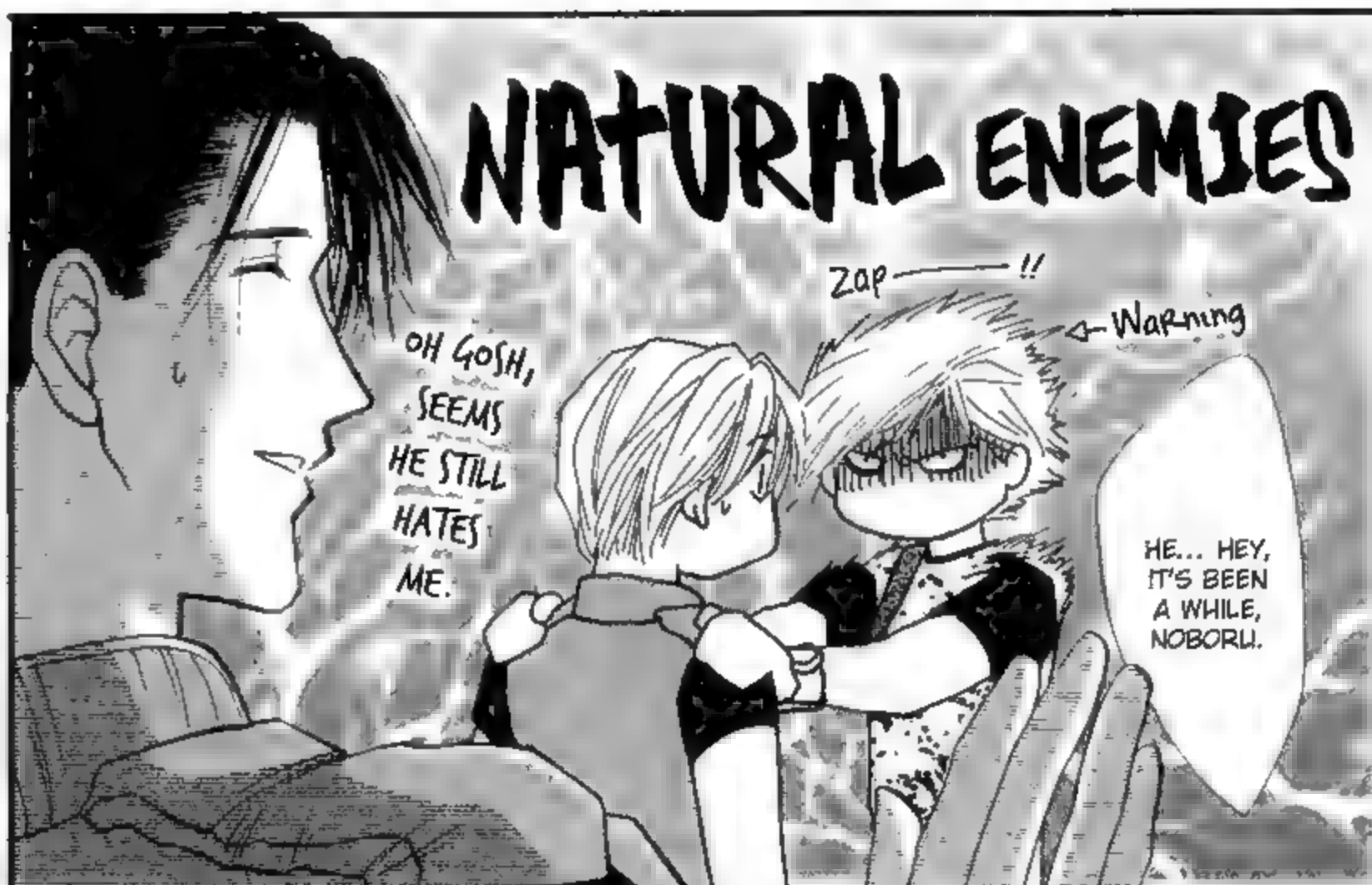
Someone
get him
out of
here.

IF HE TRIES
TO ROB
ANYONE, I'M
GONNA SLAP
HIM...





NATURAL ENEMIES

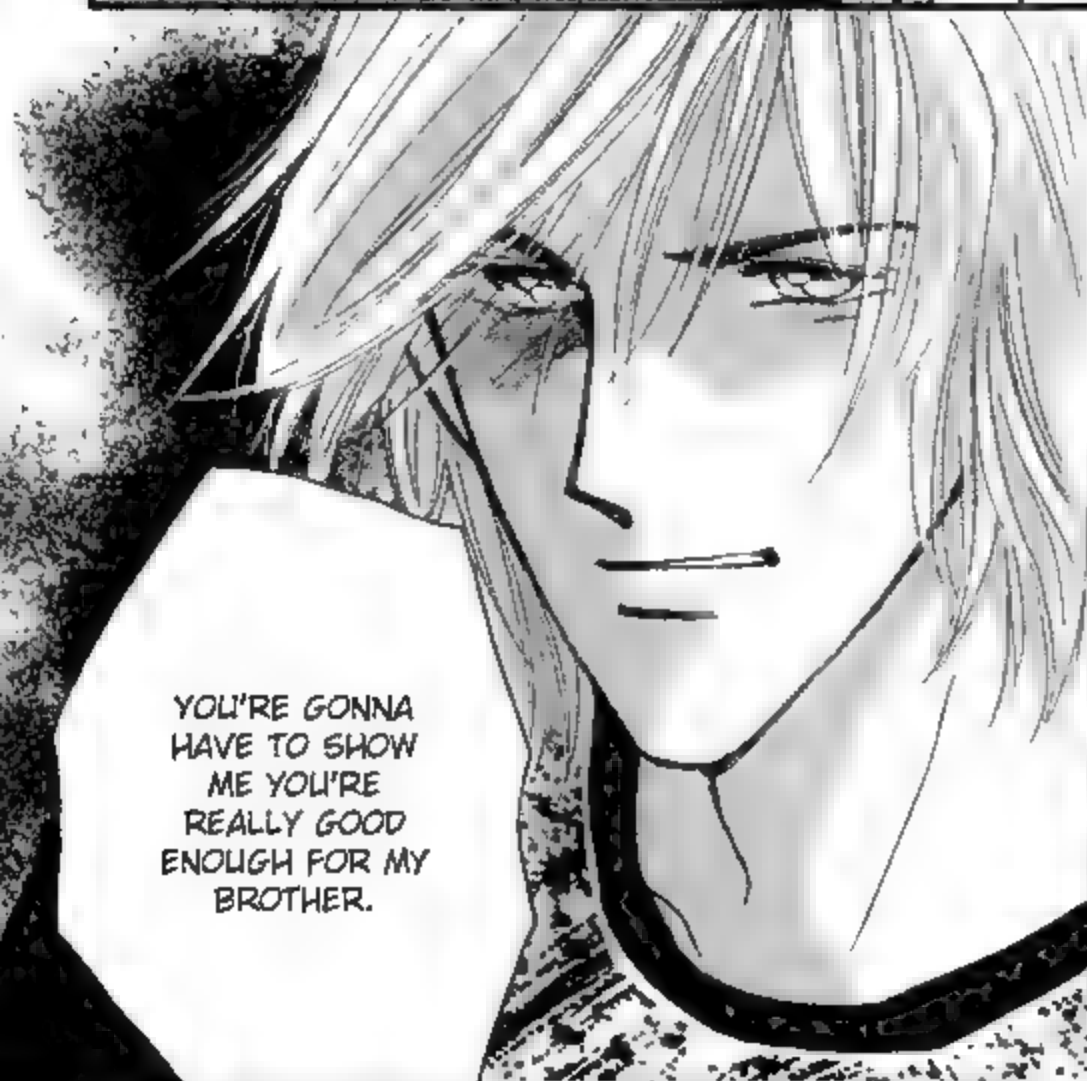


OH GOSH,
SEEMS
HE STILL
HATES
ME.

Zap ——— !!

Warning

HE... HEY,
IT'S BEEN
A WHILE,
NOBORU.



YOU'RE GONNA
HAVE TO SHOW
ME YOU'RE
REALLY GOOD
ENOUGH FOR MY
BROTHER.



I STILL DON'T
TOTALLY
ACCEPT YOU,
YOU KNOW!

GRR!!

NOBORU!

...I FEEL LIKE
HE HATES
ME EVEN
MORE THAN
BEFORE...



OK.

Grrr...
So
that's your
real aim.



AND WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING TO BE
STAYING?

AT ANY
RATE,
NOBORU,
NO MORE
WORKING.

WITH
YOU.



It's
fine

Even
though it's
your day
off

AHH... THANKS
FOR LOOKING
AFTER NOBORU,
ALEC.

THANKS
A LOT. HIS
SENSE OF
DIRECTION
ISN'T THE
BEST.

I SAW YOU OUT
SHOPPING A
COUPLE OF TIMES
AND I THOUGHT
HOW SIMILAR YOU
ARE TO ISHIKAWA.



△ A
memorable
guy.

Thinking
back

You're
one of
the
garrison
guys
right? Think I
saw you
on TV



NISHI-
WAKI!

YOU
CAN TALK
PROPERLY IF
HE STAYS
WITH YOU.

Max power
ABSOLUTELY
NOT!

WHY
NOT?

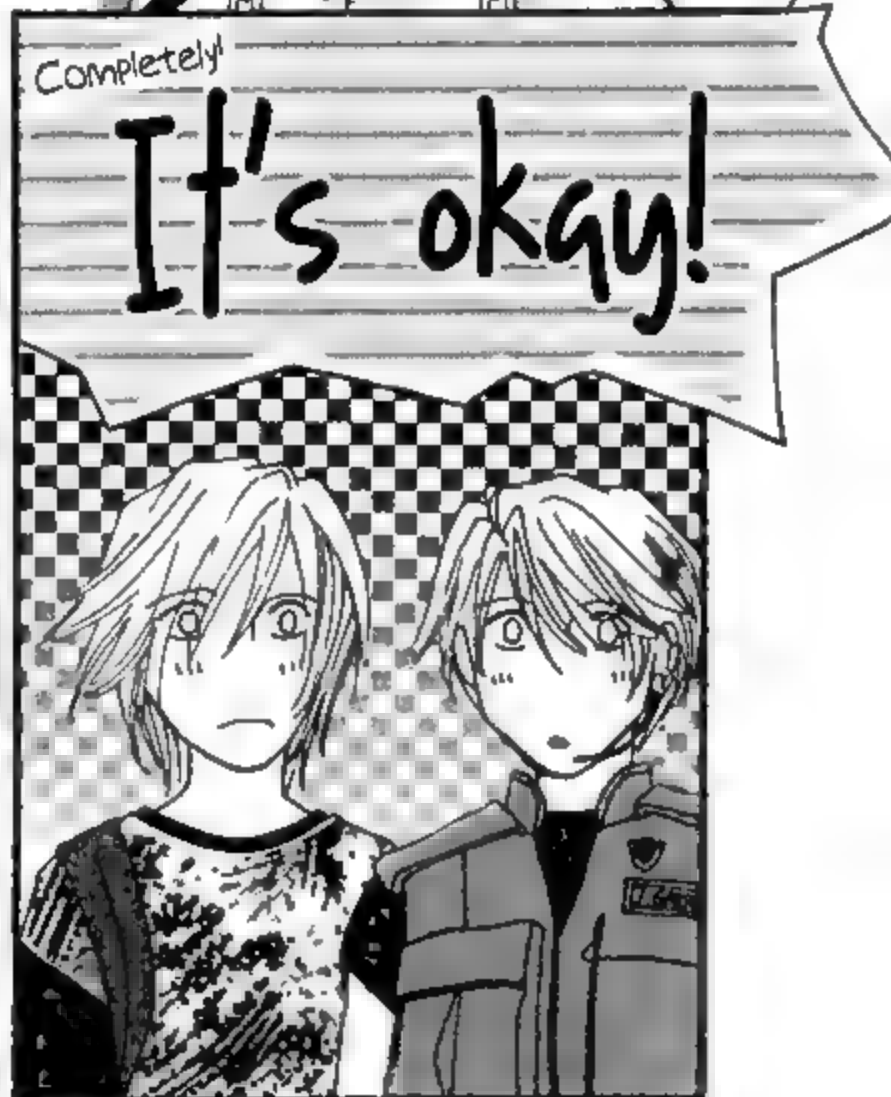
IT
SHOULDN'T
BE A
PROBLEM,
RIGHT?

NOT
EVEN FAMILY
MEMBERS ARE
ALLOWED TO
STAY IN THE
GARRISON
DORMS.

I guess
not
everyone
here is an
idiot

Huh? He
seems like
a pretty
capable
guy







SO YOU
STILL
HAVEN'T
TOLD HIM...



A DOUBLE ROOM
WITH A
SUSPICIOUSLY
KING-SIZED BED

IS HE
GONNA
STAY IN
OUR
ROOM?



HOW
COULD
I?

I
WOULDN'T
REALLY
MIND



THERE AREN'T.
THERE ARE SOME
EMPTY ROOMS IN
THE DORMS
AND —



IWASE IS
THE KIND OF GUY
WHO TRIES TO
MANAGE EVERY-
THING AND NEVER
SHOWS THAT HE'S
SUFFERING.

IT'S PROBABLY
HARD FOR YOU
TO SEE THAT
HE'S SUCH AN
AMAZING MAN.

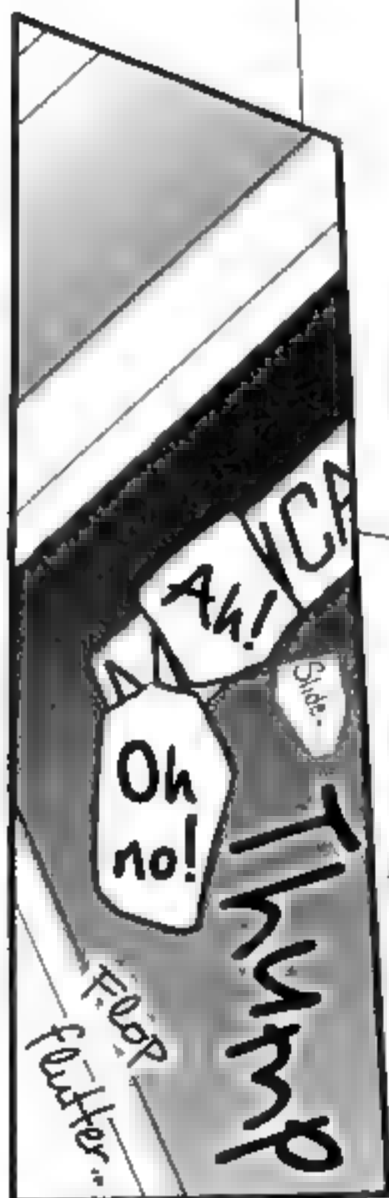
THERE'S NO
DOUBT THAT HE'S
BECOME SOMEONE
THAT YOUR
BROTHER CAN'T
DO WITHOUT.

Ah, BUT,
This is just
between us.



WHAT
ARE THEY
TALKING
ABOUT?

NOBORU.





WERE YOU THINKING OF SLEEPING IN THE SURGERY?

NISHI-WAKI...



THE ROOM IS THIS WAY, DOCTOR.

thump



Huh
THANKS. YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE IN OUR ROOM.



tap



Sharp guy ID

YOU DON'T WANT TO SLEEP IN SOMEONE ELSE'S BED BECAUSE YOU'RE A CLEAN FREAK?

Right, Doctor?



← LOSER



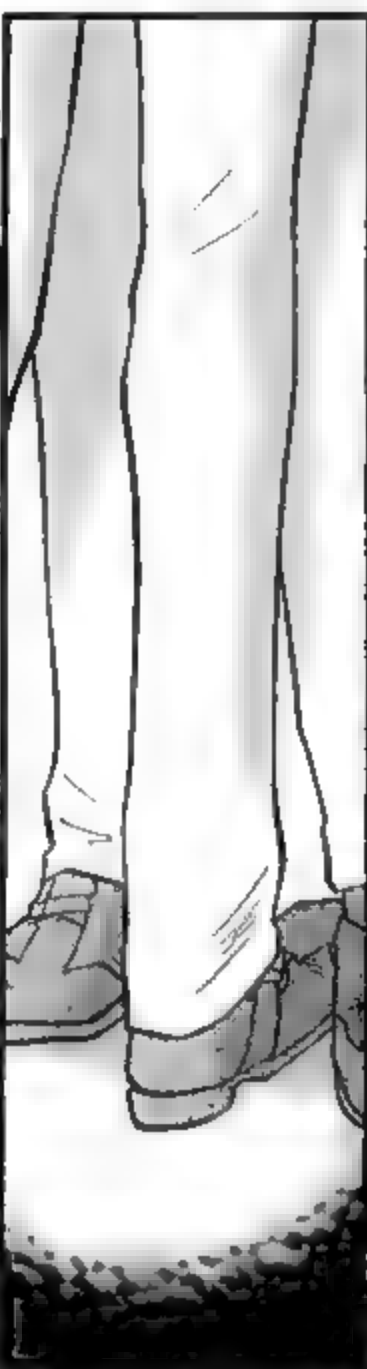
THINK OF IT AS THE TWO OF US GOING ON A LITTLE TRIP TOGETHER.

BUT

NAH. IT'D BE A BIT TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT WITH IWASE THERE AS WELL.

WHY DON'T YOU JUST SWITCH WITH THE INSTRUCTOR?!

YOU HAVE A LOT OF NERVE.





YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING NOBORU COMPANY.

KUMITANI,



YEAH.

DO YOUR BEST.



ENJOY YOUR TALK WITH HIM.



IT'S WAY SAFER HERE THAN I EXPECTED, AND THE FOOD IS REALLY GOOD.

There are lots of funny guys, too.

Emergency camp bed



I FEEL BETTER ABOUT IT NOW.

ABOUT WHAT?



NO PROBLEM, I WAS FREE ANYWAY.

THANK YOU.



HARUKA, THE FOOD IS REALLY TASTY HERE!

Super impressed!!

IT'S NICE TO SEE SOMEONE WITH SUCH A GOOD APPETITE.

ISN'T IT?





AM I
USELESS,
THEN?

I WASN'T TRYING
TO MAKE IT
EASIER FOR
ANYONE ELSE. I
JUST WANNA BE
WITH SUSUMU!



NO!
I LIKE THE
PERSON HE'S
MARRYING.

HE
THOUGHT YOU
WERE TRYING
TO BE SO
INDEPENDENT
BECAUSE HE
WAS GETTING
REMARIED.



DOES IT SEEM
LIKE I'M TIRED
OF LOOKING
AFTER YOU
GUYS ALL THE
TIME...?



HARUKA
...



BUT IF YOU'RE ONLY WORKING FOR SUSUMU'S SAKE, THAT DOESN'T MAKE HIM HAPPY EITHER.

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU REALLY WANT TO ACHIEVE AND YOU'RE WORKING BECAUSE OF IT, THEN THAT'S FINE.



THANK YOU, NOBORU.

I KNOW THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO BE A BURDEN TO ME.

BUT I... WAS ONLY...



GOOD...



... YEAH.

DO YOU UNDER-
STAND?

IF YOU DON'T NEED ME, THEN I'LL FEEL KIND OF LONELY.

BUT IT'S STILL FINE TO RELY ON ME.



WHAT IF
I DO WANT
THAT?

DO YOU
REMEMBER
LAST TIME
WHEN YOU SAID
YOU WANTED TO
BECOME MY SP?

HAVE YOU
FOUND
SOMETHING
YOU REALLY
WANT TO
DO?

GUESS YOU DON'T
FEEL THAT WAY
ANYMORE



THAT'S WHY
I JOINED THE
MARTIAL ARTS
CLUB, TO GET
STRONGER.

I WANT TO
PROTECT
YOU.



THE REASON HE'S
BEEN WORKING SO
HARD SINCE THE
SUMMER HOLIDAYS
BEGAN IS...

THE LITTLE BROTHER WHO WAS
SO AGAINST MY WORK... ONLY
HALF A YEAR AGO...

OH!

THE GARRISON
ONLY ACCEPTS
RECRUITS WHO
HAVE GRADUATED
HIGH SCHOOL!

Or a training
college to
become an SP

WHAT!?



This is
so like
NOBORU.

HAS PROMPTLY
DECIDED TO GO TO
HIGH SCHOOL.



R. really?

YOU'VE BECOME
SO MUCH MORE
SERIOUS AND
FOCUSED THAN
I'D IMAGINED.

WHEN DID HE
BECOME SO SET
ON PURSUING
THIS FUTURE?





Are you showing off your strength?
Come on, let me go.

Well? THERE ARE LOTS OF SIBLINGS IN THE GARRISON

IT'D BE GREAT IF NOBORU AND I COULD WORK TOGETHER LIKE THAT, TOO



OKAY, NOBORU, ALL SET?

NEXT DAY



YOU'RE HERE TO LEARN, SO YOU HAVE TO CALL ME 'INSTRUCTOR'.

ALSO, DON'T GO OFF AND DO YOUR OWN THING. STICK CLOSE TO ME.

FINALLY,

MIND WHERE YOU WALK AND TRY NOT TO GET IN ANYONE'S WAY.

DON'T CHATTER.

DON'T TOUCH THE EQUIPMENT OR ANYTHING ELSE.



YEAH...
AH...
I MEAN YES.

JUST THIS ONCE, WE'RE GOING TO LET YOU OBSERVE. BUT IF YOU DON'T DO AS I ASK, YOU'RE GOING HOME IMMEDIATELY.

borrowed





SO I CAN
SHOW YOU
HOW RELIABLE
I'VE BECOME?

FOR TODAY AT
LEAST, ISN'T
IT OKAY TO
LET ME HAVE
HIS POSITION



WHAT
THE
HELL



NOTHING
FOR NOW.

ANYTHING
UNUSUAL?

GOOD
MORN-
ING.



UNDER-
STOOD. I'LL
BE THERE IN
A MOMENT.

WHAT
IS IT?



WONDER
HOW LONG
HE CAN
KEEP UP.

SO
THEY'RE
REALLY
DOING
IT.



A SMALL
FIRE ON
FLOOR N3.

FOLLOW
ME.

WHAT...!?
Wait a
sec!





YOU'RE VERY PERCEPTIVE, JOU.

That's brotherly love for you ♡

MAYBE I'M IMAGINING IT, BUT ISN'T THE INSTRUCTOR GOING A BIT SLOWER THAN USUAL?

HE'S A FIGHTER!

Like his big brother

SOMEONE'S FOLLOWING THEM. A FUTURE RECRUIT?

Ha ha ha!

Keep Going!



WHA!

JUMP

Haa Haa

Beep!

I'LL BE THERE PRESENTLY. STAND BY.

WHAT IS IT?



HARUKA,
YOU'RE THE
LEADER HERE,
RIGHT!?

WHAT
IS
THIS!?



NORMALLY
YOU'D JUST
BE IN CENTRAL
COMMAND
GIVING ORDERS
FROM THERE,
RIGHT!?

WHAT'S WITH
THIS PACE?
YOU'RE ALWAYS
RUNNING...



If you don't
eat, you
won't have
any energy
for the
afternoon.

Too
tired
can't
eat.

BUT





HARUKA,

YOU'RE GIVING
ORDERS SO
CALMLY, LIKE
THIS IS NORMAL
FOR YOU



IT SEEMS THAT
THE MEN OF THE
GARRISON HANG
ON EVERY WORD
YOU SAY.

YOUR VOICE
IS REALLY
STRIKING.



YOU NEVER
SLOW DOWN...
I DIDN'T KNOW
YOU WERE SO
FAST



EVEN THOUGH
I DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING,

YOUR ORDERS
SOUND TOTALLY
RIGHT TO ME.



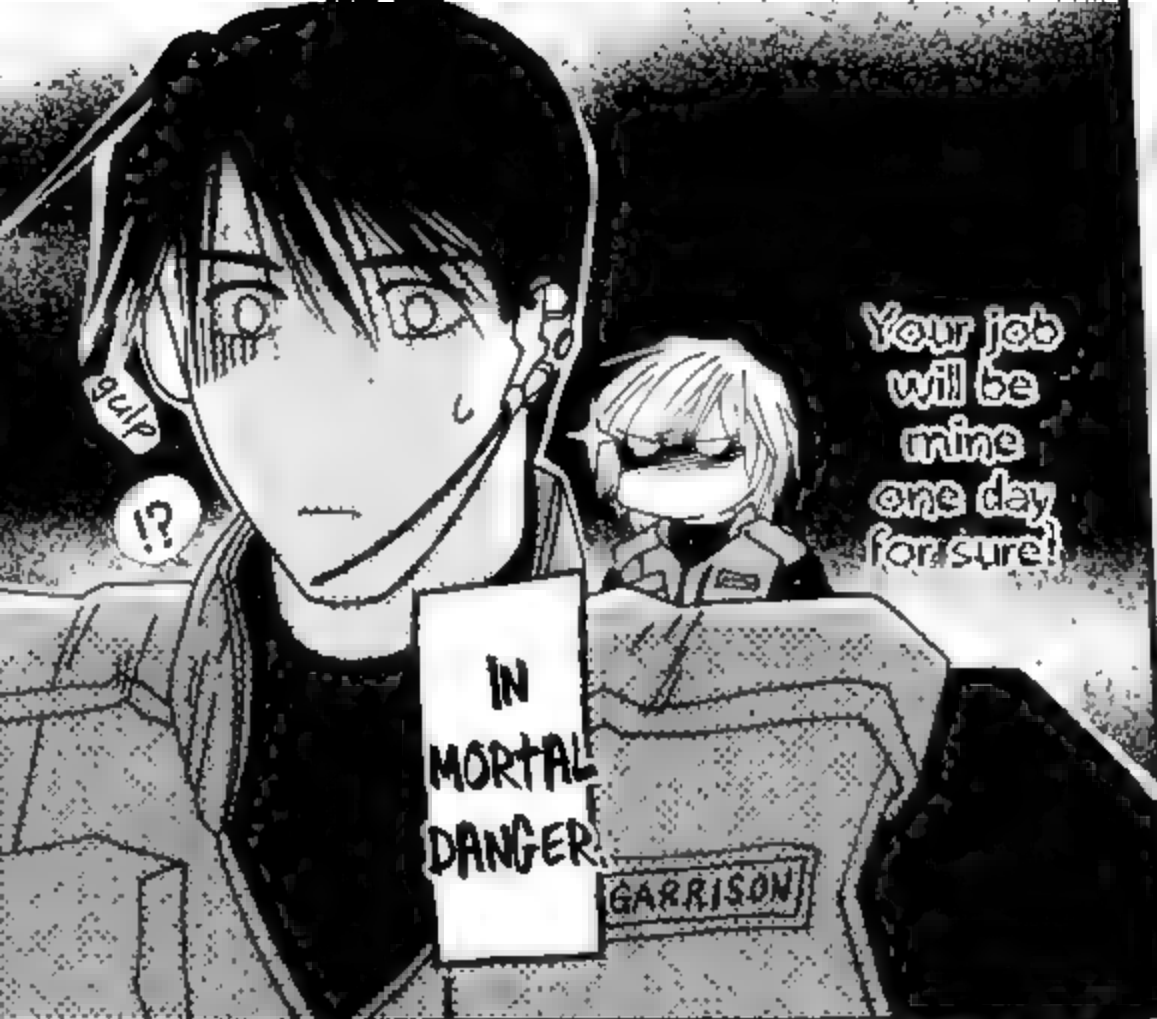
YOU HAVE AN
INCREDIBLE
PRESENCE...

YOU ARRIVE,
AND THE
ATMOSPHERE
CHANGES.

THE MEN OF THE
GARRISON, THE
DIET STAFF!
EVERYONE
LOOKS AT YOU.

IT FEELS LIKE
EVERYONE'S
ATTENTION IS
DRAWN TO YOU.

WOW







OH!

I asked you
to call me
instructor,
didn't I?

I... I'VE
LOST?

Sorry



YOU HAVE TO BE
AWARE OF YOUR
SURROUNDINGS
AS WELL AS THE
CONDITION OF
YOUR CHARGE.

But first you
need better
stamina.



IT'S
HARDER
THAN YOU
THOUGHT,
RIGHT?



SO, HOW
DO YOU
THINK OF
THINGS SO
FAR?

Tell me.



THANKS
...

THANK
YOU.





UNDERSTOOD.
DON'T OPEN IT
UNTIL I GET
THERE.

Beep



A SUSPICIOUS
PACKAGE HAS
ARRIVED.

Let's go.

THIS
SERIOUSLY?



HE'S
ALWAYS BEEN
PROTECTING
MY BROTHER



IS THE KIND
OF GUY WHO
TRIES TO
MANAGE
EVERYTHING.'

'IWASE...





OVER
HERE.

close...



WE CAN
WATCH
WHAT'S
GOING ON IN
THE LOBBY
FROM HERE.



Sigh

PLEASE COME
THIS WAY,
NOBORU.



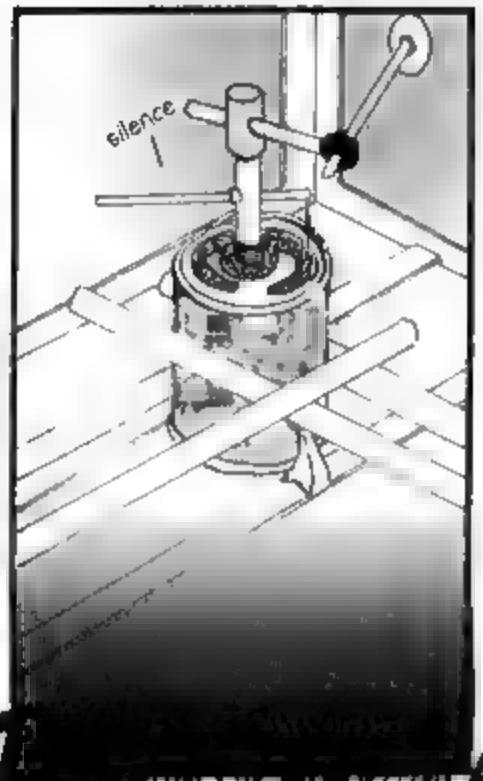
GET
OUT.



HARUKA...



IT'S
OKAY, THE
INSTRUCTOR'S
ALL RIGHT.



ONE OF
THOSE
GUIDED
EXPLO-
SIVES LIKE
BEFORE?



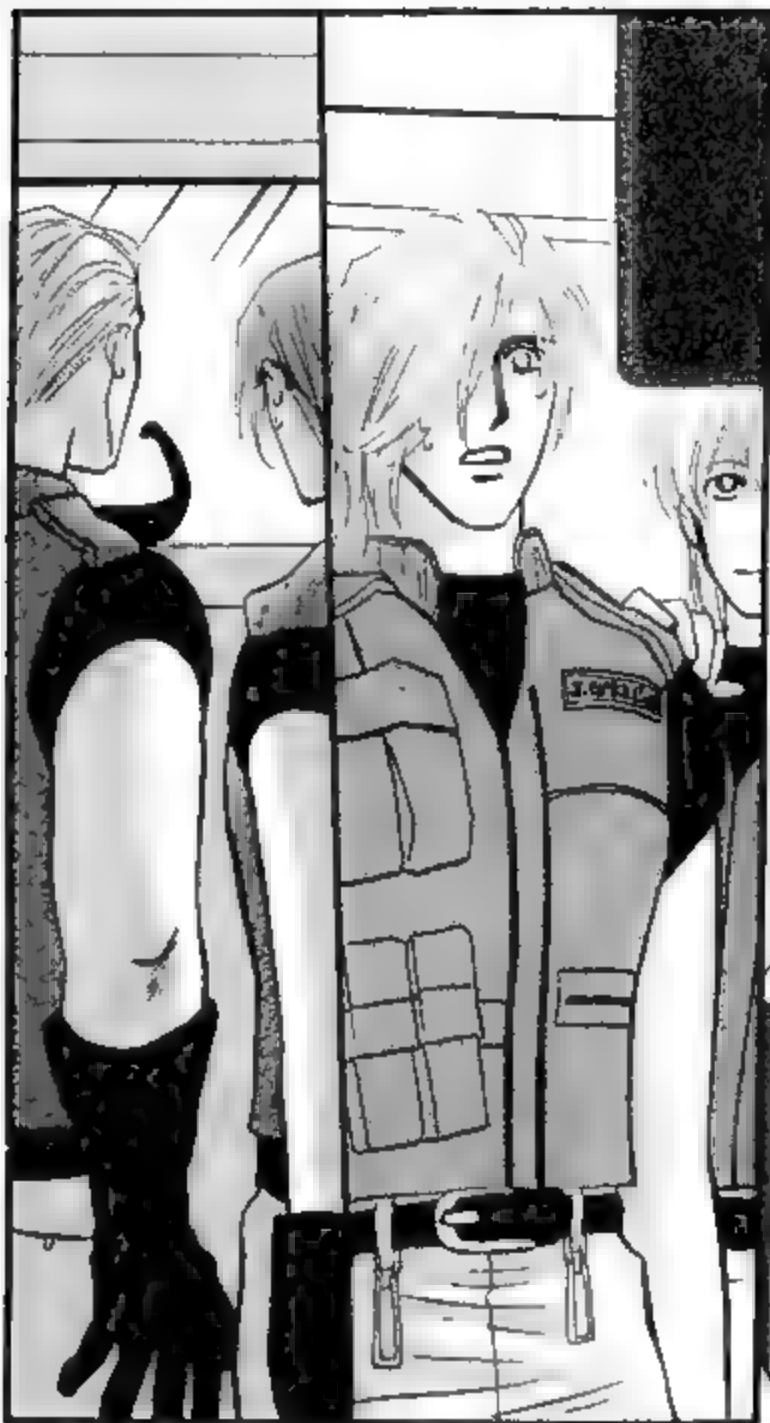
SOMETHING
FLEW OUT OF
THE CANISTER
AND EXPLODED.





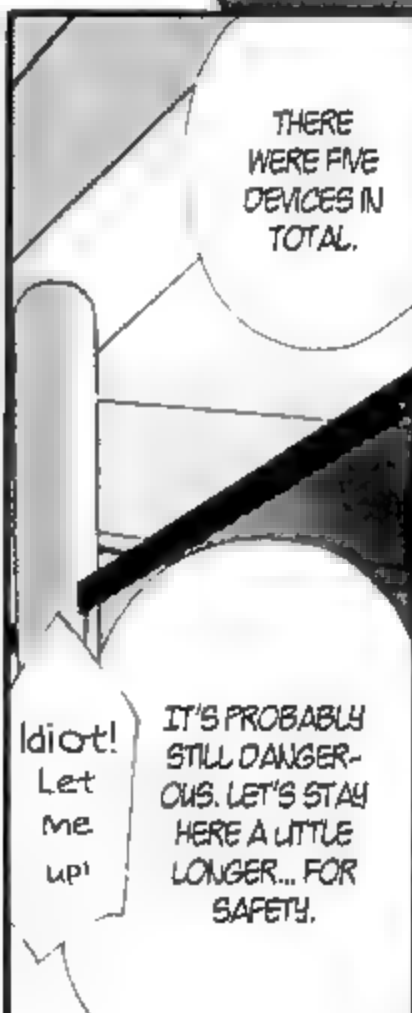






IT'S
ALL
RIGHT
NOW.

HARUKA!



THERE
WERE FIVE
DEVICES IN
TOTAL.

Idiot!
Let
me
up!

IT'S PROBABLY
STILL DANGER-
OUS. LET'S STAY
HERE A LITTLE
LONGER... FOR
SAFETY.



I WASE'S
TOTALLY
RELIABLE,
ISN'T
HE?

YEAH...
I WAS
WATCHING
ON THE
MONITOR.



YES.

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

Temporarily
deafened
by the
explosion, but
lip-reading



THANK YOU.

WE'LL GET ON WITH THE RETRIEVAL AND INVESTIGATION.



ISHIKAWA IS ALSO UNHURT.



WHAT'S THAT?

YE...



Omgi!

NOT AT ALL.

MORI-SHIGE, HIRATA, ARE YOU HURT?



IWASE, YOU'RE BLEEDING!

YOU'RE ACTUALLY HURT!

WHAT?



THAT'S NOT IT... IT'S THAT IWASE DOES NOTHING TO SHOW IT!

WHY?



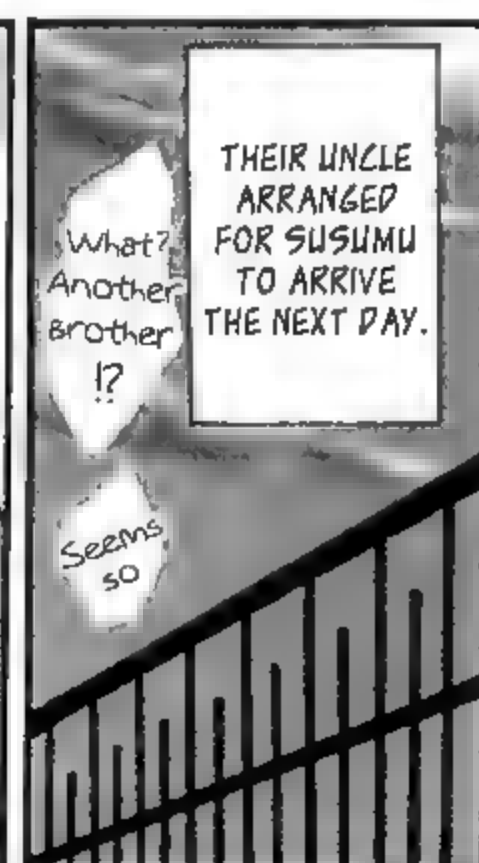
HARUKA HAS NO IDEA?



OH, THIS IS NOTHING.

YOU'RE...

HOW CAN YOU BE...





Motoki #2

IN THE FUTURE,
I'M GONNA
BECOME THE
KIND OF GUY
WHO WON'T
LOSE TO IWASE!

OH,
REALLY
?

I'M SO SORRY,
SUSUMU! I'VE
DECIDED TO GO
TO OUR LOCAL
HIGH SCHOOL!

IT'S
DECIDED.

Just
you
wait
and
see!

I'M
DEFINITELY
GOING TO
ENTER THE
GARRISON!

YOU
COULD
SAY
THAT.

DID
SOME-
THING
HAPPEN?



WHAT THE
HELL ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?

HEY!
OGATA!

Natural
enemy #2



AH!

stare

SUSUMU
...

IS THAT
GUY OVER
THERE
MAYBE...?



HE SAID
HE WANTED
TO LOOK
AROUND THE
UNIVERSI-
TIES, SO I
TAGGED
ALONG.

OH NO.
HE'S
THE ONE
LOOKING
AFTER
ME.

YEAH. IT
SEEMS THAT
YOU'VE BEEN
TAKING CARE
OF SUSUMU.

MY
NAME IS
OGATA...
I'M A
FRIEND.

HELLO.



OUR
BROTHER
IS VERY
BUSY,
SO...

THAT'S
NOT...
LET'S GO
HOME.
NOBORU!

HARUKA! THIS
GUY'S TRYING
TO MAKE
SUSU GO TO A
UNIVERSITY
HERE...!



I'LL
TELL
YOU

SOON.



Get
off!

SUSUMU,
I HAVE
TIME, WE
CAN TALK
MORE.

IT'S FINE!
WE'LL... COME
AGAIN. IF I GET
INTO UNIVERSITY
HERE, WE'LL BE
ABLE TO SEE
EACH OTHER
ANY TIME.

ONLY...
FRIENDS?

SUSUMU
...YOU...





HARUKA!



ALWAYS
SO
MUCH
ENERGY.

AHH,



YOU GO
HOME BY
YOURSELF!



YOU CAN
BRING
THAT
LOSER,
TOO.

COME HOME
AT LEAST
ONCE THIS
YEAR.





AH...

GEEZE...

DO YOUR
BEST.

NO MATTER
HOW BIG HE
GETS, NOBORU
IS STILL
NOBORU,
AFTER ALL.



ALL
RIGHT.

WHAT?

...
COME
ON.

YOU
HAVE
TO, TOO!



!!

What a
privilege

Yeah

YOU,
TOO.



YEAH.

THOSE TWO ARE
AT THAT STAGE
WHERE THEY
CHANGE QUICKLY
EVEN IN A SHORT
TIME.

I NEED TO SEE
THEM MORE OFTEN
OR THEY'LL BE ALL
GROWN UP BEFORE
I KNOW IT.



YOU GUYS
WILL ALWAYS
BE MY
PRECIOUS
BROTHERS.

I'M SO HAPPY
THAT I WAS
ABLE TO SEE
YOU AGAIN.

Iwase, look
after our
brother.

You
got
it!?





BROTHER-
IN-LAW
MOTOHISA.'

'PLEASE
LOOK
AFTER MY
BROTHER,



Pretty
great,
especially the
springs.

How
did you
enjoy the
king-sized
bed?

BUT I STILL
DON'T THINK
NOBORU HAS
ACTUALLY
REALISED IT.

HE SAYS
HE DOESN'T
WANT THEM
TO KNOW,

When it's
something
that
important,

**TELL ME
STRAIGHT
AWAY!!**